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FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY TO ZIEGLER AND JANKA WITH PRESIDENTIAL PARTY  
 PRESIDENT'S TRIP TO MIDDLE EAST (TAKE THREE)

TEL AVIV

PRIME ATTENTION OF ISRAELI MEDIA WAS DEVOTED TO THE INTERNATIONAL  
 AND REGIONAL SIGNIFICANCE OF THE PRESIDENT'S VISIT AND ON  
 PREPARATIONS IN JERUSALEM FOR HIS ARRIVAL.

THE NATIONAL RELIGIOUS PARTY'S HATZOFEH OF TEL AVIV THOUGHT IT  
 LIKELY THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD ADDRESS THE KNESSET, 543 0-034  
 29,93433 8, -2, 3885948-1 2435434 "THE PRESIDENT WILL EXAMINE THE  
 SITUATION WITHOUT MAKING ANY NEW COMMITMENTS OR IS HE ACTUALLY  
 CARRYING WITH HIM NEW PROPOSALS ON WHAT THE AMERICANS CALL  
 EFFORTS TO PROMOTE A SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST?..."

IT CAUTIONED:

"IT SEEMS THAT FOR THE TIME BEING, WHEN BOTH PARTIES ARE ENGAGED  
 IN IMPLEMENTING THE FIRST STAGES OF DISENGAGEMENT AGREEMENTS...IT  
 IS BETTER NOT TO MAKE NEW PROPOSALS."

SEMI-OFFICIAL DAVAR OF TEL AVIV STATED TODAY: "ISRAEL WOULD LIKE  
 TO SECURE A PROMISE THAT THE U.S. ADMINISTRATION WILL MAINTAIN  
 ISRAEL'S PRESENT STATUS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE GENERAL  
 BALANCE OF FORCES BETWEEN ISRAEL AND THE ARAB COUNTRIES..."  
 IT SAID THAT "AN EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO SEEK TANGIBLE ASSURANCE  
 OF THE U.S. PROMISE THAT AID TO ARAB COUNTRIES WILL NOT COME  
 AT ISRAEL'S EXPENSE..."

CAIRO:

RADIO CAIRO DOMESTIC SERVICE YESTERDAY CITED SEMI-OFFICIAL  
 AL-AHRAM AS SAYING PRESIDENT NIXON'S "IMPORTANT TALKS" IN THE  
 MIDDLE EAST WOULD CENTER ON "FOUR BASIC, DIFFICULT PROBLEMS"--ARAB  
 BORDERS WITH ISRAEL "SINCE ISRAEL REFUSES TO GO BACK TO THE LINES  
 WHICH EXISTED BEFORE THE 1967 WAR," THE FUTURE OF THE WEST BANK,

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THE STATUS OF JERUSALEM AND "THE PALESTINE FEDAYEEN ATTACKS ON ISRAEL."

MR. NIXON'S GOAL THE PAPER SAID, WAS TO FIND "WAYS TO SUPPORT THE GENEVA CONFERENCE SO THAT IT CAN ACHIEVE A PERMANENT AND ACCEPTABLE SETTLEMENT IN THE MIDDLE EAST."

"NIXON RECEPTION IN EGYPT WILL SHOW OUR CONVICTIONS"  
 THE DOMESTIC RADIO ALSO REPORTED AN ADDRESS BY INFORMATION MINISTER AL-MAJID, WHO IT SAID STATED THAT AMERICAN POLICY HAD CHANGED IN THE MIDDLE EAST.

"THE RECEPTION OF PRESIDENT NIXON IN EGYPT FOLLOWING THE MAJOR ROLE THAT HE AND HIS SECRETARY OF STATE KISSINGER HAVE PLAYED REPRESENTS AN ACCURATE EXPRESSION OF EGYPT'S CONVICTIONS ABOUT THIS CHANGE IN THE AMERICAN STAND--A CHANGE THE EFFECTS OF WHICH WE HOPE WILL APPEAR DURING THE COMING DELICATE STAGE OF THE GENEVA PEACE TALKS."

"NIXON'S POSITIVE UNDERSTANDING"  
 CAIRO'S MIDDLE EAST NEWS AGENCY CIRCULATED A REPORT OF A STATEMENT ON MR. NIXON'S VISIT BY THE CENTRAL COMMITTEE OF THE ARAB SOCIALIST UNION, EGYPT'S SOLE AUTHORIZED POLITICAL PARTY, WHICH SAID THE VISIT "EMBODIES THE REALITY" OF THE CHANGE IN U.S. POLICY TOWARD THE ARABS AND ISRAEL.

MOSCOW  
 MOSCOW TASS THIS MORNING BRIEFLY REPORTED THE PRESIDENT'S DEPARTURE, NOTING THE STOPOVER IN SALZBURG.  
 MOSCOW RADIO'S ARABIC SERVICE ON SATURDAY EVENING CITED PRAVDA'S INTERNATIONAL REVIEW ON THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION. THE BROADCAST QUOTE CONCLUDED:

"IT IS EXPECTED THAT U.S. PRESIDENT RICHARD NIXON ON 12 JUNE WILL BEGIN A TOUR OF THE MIDDLE EAST, VISITING. IT HAS BEEN ANNOUNCED, SYRIAN GOVERNMENT CIRCLES HAVE CONFIRMED THAT IT IS POSSIBLE THAT DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS WILL BE RESUMED BETWEEN SYRIA AND THE U.S. IT IS NOTED THAT A LARGE PORTION OF THE WORLD'S PRESS SEES IN THESE EVENTS A U.S. DESIRE TO PUT ITS RELATIONSHIP WITH THE ARAB WORLD, THE RELATIONSHIP THAT WAS UNDERMINED BY U.S. SUPPORT FOR THE ISRAELI AGGRESSORS THROUGHOUT THE MIDDLE EAST DISPUTE, BACK ON ITS NATURAL COURSE.

"THERE IS NO DOUBT THAT ALL THIS INDICATES THE OCCURENCE OF FUNDAMENTAL CHANGES IN THE MIDDLE EAST SITUATION." END ALL;  
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